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Dear Jim,

It may seem difficult to regard what follows as other than paranoid, but it isn't. If something comes of it you will have at least a notion of what is involved. If nothing does, when I'm out there again, I'll tell you the story.

I prefer not to communicate with Hal by the more direct means now. But it may be important to know if, when I asked him some years ago to speak to someone for me, whether or not he did and how he was received.

This was a fellow of mixed Latin and Oriental parentage who then lived on Edinburgh Street. He does not now.

I do not know whether or not he now has a phone, but if he did, for the present purpose I'd not use it.

If Hal did meet him and was at all well received, I may want to ask him to do this again, not for me and for a very special purpose where security will be urgent.

Because this is not for me and because there are a number of rather delicate considerations that cannot ever be out of mind, I cannot now go into any details.

I do not think it would be a good diea to discuss this with Hal over the phone where he stays.

I write in anticipation of the possibilityof need. If it develops, I will want one of two things: either a secure means of communicating with that person by phone, where I or another will be able to reach him at certain periods of time, not from my phone; or I may want to explain to Hal exactly what is involved and entrust him with a task that may be ticklish, not for that person, or Hal or me.

That person has certain associations that have caused interest in him to be displayed quite openly. The interested persons are a bit baffled because that person's associations are mutually contradictory.

I do not know how soon I will know whether it is desired to go further, but if it is, there may be a need for not wasting time, so I write immediately, in order that when you see Hal you can show him this.

I realize this can be confusing, including to him. It is not the young sailor who phoned in once when I was doing Jim Eason's old midnight show- not Blazewick. I do not recall whether this man phoned in then or not.

Sorry to have to be cryptic. But there is no danger to anyone out there or to me. But there is a need for tightest security, for there can be serious danger to another, not out there and not known to me.

I have a hunch that a more direct approach will be made because if any is there may not be enough time for any other. However, in writing this I am trying to anticipate all contingencies and to be prepared, if necessary...And so it will not needlessly add bewilderment, it has nothing to do with any assassination.

Thanks, sincerely,